

## AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~{0065}~~ A method and apparatus for providing tools for development of backwards compatible software are disclosed. A subset of software objects of a first software subsystem is identified and declared frozen. A ~~changed~~ change introduced into a frozen software object is detected and prior to allowance of the change, the change is analyzed to determine whether the change is compatible with a second software subsystem.